

REMARKS

In accord with the Examiner's request, a substitute declaration is provided herewith. It is submitted that such declaration satisfies the requirements to correct inventorship.

Claims 33 and 42 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 11 and 42 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,866,665. A statutory disclaimer is provided herewith to overcome the rejection.

Claims 33-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite because claims 33 and 45 use the phrase "a single predefined central axis" twice to refer to the structure of *each* of the holes of the first and second plurality of holes. The Examiner states that this is "misleading". It was not intended to be so. The language is intended to characterize the structure of holes, in the same manner of stating that more than one element in a claim is round, oblong, linear, etc. The phrase at issue indicates that each of the first and second holes can be defined by its own predefined central axis; i.e., that it is fixed angle. In view of the respective central axes, the "central axes of said first plurality extend between and non-parallel relative to each of said central axes of said second plurality." The claims have been clarified, but not narrowed, by amendment to state that each of the holes has "*its own* single predefined central axis". It is anticipated that this clarifying amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection. If the Examiner has any further concerns regarding the language, it is respectfully requested that she contact the undersigned attorney for applicant so that language can be agreed upon.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is

invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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